

Coastal Town Hall Notes

Affordable Housing

Challenges:

- *Allowing for low-impact, healthy housing for Ag workers, such as tiny homes, yurts, etc. and low-impact sanitation services (eg. permitting composting toilets)*
- *Affordable second units on appropriate properties. Ex. Local water fee to add a granny unit: \$26,000 before a shovel of dirt is turned.*
- *Contentious PMRD.*
- *Finding a rental home (long term) for responsible, hardworking community members for a reasonable amount (\$1,000/bedroom is not reasonable). I would like to raise my new baby in the lovely town I grew up in where my family still lives.*

Solutions:

- *Create special permits for Ag workers.*

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Coast. Protection/Access

Challenges:

- *Viewing our coast as a resource instead of an inherently valuable cash cow with unlimited energy to supply—consumption of enormous weight.*
- *Protect our coast by keeping wineries and grapevines inland.*
- *Safe access for pedestrians in and around Bodega Bay.*
- *Potential installation of "Iron Rangers." Can those of us who live here have access to our own community, i.e. beaches?*

Solutions:

1. *Funding to complete Bodega Bay coastal trail.*
2. *Giving teeth to local protections and stopping legal loopholes that undermine the intent of the regulations.*
3. *Get whatever plan that was set forth implemented.*
4. *Local beach passes.*

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Homelessness

Challenges:

- *Understanding who is homeless, why, and what they want to air it.*
- *Temporary housing for homeless with a safe environment and places to receive mail, communicate, and get counseling.*
- *Transition housing for foster care kids who age out of the system but still need assistance and direction.*

Solutions:

5. *Programs for river, beach, or city park clean-up that pay homeless with rooms for a week/month or cash. Albuquerque has a program like this.*
6. *Maybe build a camp—regulate what is needed but still be helpful and useful.*

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Russian River

Challenges:

- *Promoting River health (including addressing mandated low flows) while bolstering the economy.*
- *Controlling the bacterial-level before it becomes hazardous.*
- *Understanding the differing interests of regulating bodies (NOAA, Clean River, Alliance, H2O District, etc.) and find a consensus for a healthy river.*
- *Need to understand importance of the watershed. Think about the kind of environment that we want to leave for future generations.*

Solutions:

- *Sewer in Monte Rio.*

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Roads and Infrastructure

Challenges:

- *Reduce money going to jails and pensions and direct it to infrastructure and roads.*
- *Sidewalks for safety around grange, through town, and along the boardwalk.*
- *Start and complete the Sonoma County Parks trail and boardwalk. Decide on how to fund and prioritize this.*
- *Power utility alternative to PG&E.*

Solutions:

- *Wind mills: limits and where in the coastal community.*

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Tourism—Impacts

Challenges:

- *Fire and Emergency Medical Services impacted by heavy transient populations and non-taxed (i.e. parks) properties.*

Solutions:

- *Consistent and reliable funding to augment local assessment (residents footing the visitors).*
- *Return portion of Bed Tax.*

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Other

Challenges:

- *Harbor clean up and development status.*
- *Promote fisherman's retail/factory at Mason Marina.*
- *Mason Marina improvement.*
- *Ways to deal with the ballooning pension obligations to county employees.*
- *Our land would be used in a lovely way if there was more focus on small food farms instead of grapes or pot. Food sustains our well-being! Wine is delicious but does not provide nourishment.*
- *If pot is legalized, how do we protect our pristine forests from big-ag interests like Marlboro, RJ Reynolds, etc. and from criminal activities like the cartel?*